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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-96 (cancelled)

Claim 97 (currently amended): An adjustable hat comprising:

a crown having an adjustable circumferential portion at its bottom and having front and back portions and two side portions;

a visor attached to the front or rear back portion of the crown;

a pair of adjustment clasps to alter the size of the circumferential portion of the crown;

a plurality of panels forming the crown;

~~flaps formed at the junction of the front and side portions near~~ a pair of flaps each with an outer surface and an underside and each attached between adjacent panels nearest the edge of the visor to hide or partly hide the adjustment clasps;

wherein each of the pair of adjustable clasps comprises,

(a) a strap or patch attached at one end of the flap and having on ~~its~~ the underside of the flap one part of a clasp chosen from a group comprising plastic, metal, magnetic, elastic, adhesive, and/or textile, and ~~Velcro®~~ hooks and loops; and

(b) a mating strap or patch on the crown near the visor selected from the group comprising plastic, metal, magnetic, elastic, adhesive, textile and/or ~~Velcro®~~ subtended by the visor.

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Claim 98 (previously presented): An adjustable hat as in Claim 97 wherein the mating strap or patch is located on the crown above the visor.

Claim 99 (currently amended): An adjustable hat as in Claim 97 wherein the mating strap or patch is located on the crown ~~within the visor zone~~ subtended by the visor.

Claim 100 (previously presented): An adjustable hat as in Claim 97 wherein the mating strap or patch is located on the side portion between the ears and eyes of the wearer.

Claim 101 (previously presented): An adjustable hat as in Claim 97 wherein the mating strap or patch is secured to the exterior of the crown between the ears and eyes of the wearer.

Claim 102 (previously presented): The adjustable hat of Claim 97 wherein the flaps have a shape of a logo or have a logo affixed thereto.

Claims 103-122 (cancelled)

Claim 123 (new): An adjustable hat comprising:
a crown having an adjustable circumferential portion at its bottom and having front and back portions and two side portions and wherein the crown is formed by a plurality of panels;
a visor, having side edges, attached to the front portion of the crown;
a pair of flaps each formed at the junction of the front and side portions near the side edges of the visor and wherein each flap is attached between adjacent panels nearest the edge of the visor;

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a pair of hook and loop adjustment clasps to alter the size of the circumferential portion of the crown, wherein each of the pair of adjustable clasps is located with

- (a) one part of the clasp located within the flap; and
- (b) the mating clasp on the crown; and

wherein the pair of flaps hides or partially hides the pair of adjustment clasps.

Claim 124 (new): The adjustable hat of Claim 123 wherein the flaps are of any desired shape.

Claim 125 (new): The adjustable hat as in claim 124 wherein each flap has an outer surface and an underside surface and wherein the one part of each of the clasps mounted on the flap is mounted on the underside of the flap.

Claim 126 (new): The adjustable hat of Claim 124 wherein the geometry of the flap comprises a logo.

Claim 127 (new): The adjustable hat of Claim 126 wherein a logo is affixed to the outside surface of the flap.

Claim 128 (new): An adjustable hat comprising:

a crown having an adjustable circumferential portion at its bottom and having front and back portions and two side portions and wherein the crown is formed by a plurality of panels;

a visor, having side edges, attached to the front portion of the crown;

a pair of flaps each formed at the junction of the front and side portions near the side edges of the visor and wherein each flap is attached between adjacent panels nearest the edge of the visor;

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a pair of magnetic adjustment clasps to alter the size of the circumferential portion of the crown, wherein each of the pair of adjustable clasps is located with

- (a) one part of the clasp located within the flap; and
- (b) the mating clasp on the crown; and

wherein the pair of flaps hides or partially hides the pair of adjustment clasps.

Claim 129 (new): The adjustable hat of Claim 128 wherein the flaps are of any desired shape.

Claim 130 (new): The adjustable hat as in claim 129 wherein each flap has an outer surface and an underside surface and wherein the one part of each of the clasps mounted on the flap is mounted on the underside of the flap.

Claim 131 (new): The adjustable hat of Claim 130 wherein the geometry of the flap comprises a logo.

Claim 132 (new): The adjustable hat of Claim 131 wherein a logo is affixed to the outside surface of the flap.